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TAGS: POLOS, NI, UK

SUBJ: LOS: UK-NIGERIAN CONSULTATIONS

1. IN SIDE TALK WITH IYALLA DURING VISIT OF JACKLING  
LOS TEAM (SEPTTEL), BRITISH LEARNED MEA MAY TAKE PRIMARY  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOS NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO IYALLA,  
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE HAS EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS AT LEADING  
LOS NEGOTIATIONS WHICH BECOMING MORE POLITICAL AND HAS  
PROPOSED THAT MEA TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY. IYALLA DID  
NOT SAY WHETHER OR WHEN THIS TRANSFER MIGHT TAKE PLACE.

2. COMMENT: PURPORTED MINISTRY OF JUSTICE DESIRE TO  
TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOS NEGOTIATIONS TO MEA  
COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON NIGERIAN POSITIONS AT  
FORTHCOMING SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE. IF CHANGEOVER IS  
IN FACT MADE, AND BEFORE GENEVA SESSION, THERE IS LIKELIHOOD  
NIGERIA WILL FOLLOW MORE POLITICAL RATHER THAN LEGAL APPROACH  
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TO LOS PROBLEMS BASED PRIMARILY ON OAU (OR AFTICAN GROUP)

DECISIONS. IN THIS EVENT, OGUNDERE, WHO PRESUMABLY SUGGESTED  
TRANSFER DUE TO HIS INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES AS ACTING  
SOLICITOR GENERAL, IS STILL LIKELY TO BE ON NIGERIAN DELEGATION  
FOR GENEVA BUT WITH SOMEWHAT LESS FREEDOM OF ACTION THAN IN  
PAST.

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